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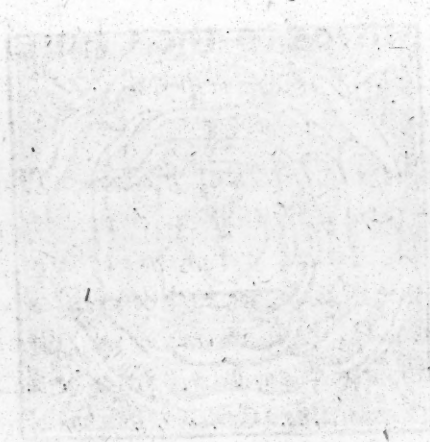
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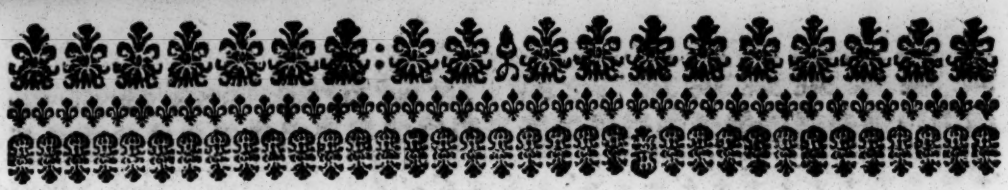


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(according to the custome of the place) of two of the discreetest Pa-
rishioners, to be Sidemen; and they all together are to read over these
Articles diuers times.

Then, after they haue duly considered of them, they are to write
their Answer or Presentment vnto euery Article particularly and tru-
ly, according to their consciences.

Lastly, they are all of them to bring their Presentments to the Visi-
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but the Minister according to the Canon in that behalfe, are to deli-
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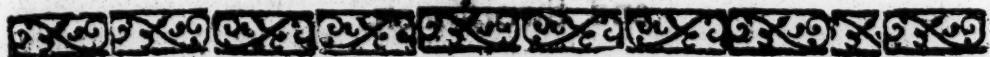


The Oath ministred to the Church-wardens and Sword-men.

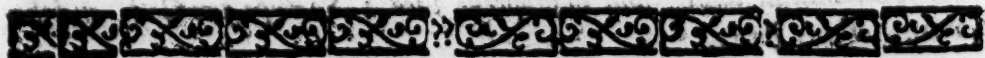
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ward and Gaine, or feare of Displeasure, or malice, set aside: You shall
vpon due consideration of the Articles given you in charge, present all and every
such person, of, or within your Parish, as hath committed any offence or fault,
or made any default mentioned in the se, or any of these Articles; Or which are
vehemently suspected and defamed of any such offence or default: wherein you
shall deliver uprightly, and according to truth; neither of malice presenting any
contrary to truth, nor of corrupt affection, sparing to present any, and so con-
ceale the truth: Having in this action, God before your eyes, with an earnest
zeale to maintaine truth, and to suppress vice: So helpe you God, and the
Contents of this Booke.



MY Lord doth hereby straightly charge and require all the Clergie, that euery man in person doe adresse himselfe to the Chancellor, and informe him what hee hath already paid towards the repairing of Saint *Pauls* Church, to whom he hath paid, and what hee intends to pay hereafter: and therein my Lord doth earnestly intreat them to shew their bounty, as being a worke of great piety, tending much to the glory of God, the good of this Church, and the honour of this Kingdome.



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That short morning Prayer be every day read in Market Townes, and in all other places where conueniently it may be. That Preachers doe not so much intend often and long preaching, as painfull and profitable preaching, and that they doe not touch vpon Controuerfies in Religion, according to his Maiesties Instructions.

2 That the Incumbent and Church-wardens doe instantly present, what land belongs to their Church, and what vtenfils, and in whose hands and custody they are: and when any man is presented for a crime, if within five or six Court dayes after his presentment, the party bee not put to some open punishment in the same Parish where the offence was committed, then it may bee supposed that hee hath made a Commutation, which as it is wholly to bee imployed in charitable workes; so my Lord Bishop is resolved, that hereafter it shall bee bestowed in setting poore people on worke; wherein my Lord will vse the helpe of the Incumbent, the Church-wardens and some other of the Parish, who sometimes taking the aduice and direction of the next Iustice of the Peace, may see it imployed to that purpose; and therefore my Lord desires them to bee carefull, as in presenting the crime, so in calling for the Commutation, and to doe both as speedily as they may.

3 That euery Incumbent haue a speciall care to bee well provided with such Armour as his Predecessours haue formerly found, and that he bee ready to shew it vpon any short warning: that hee pay such accustomed fees to the Muster-master, as formerly hee hath done; and if there shall be any difference in paying Procurations, that then he bring forth his former acquittance, that so his payments may be accordingly.

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5 When any Parish shall receiue either Briefes or Bookes by command of Superiours, the monies for the price of them are to bee paid into the Registers Office, and the Messengers according to their pains shall be rewarded, vnlesse the Deanes in their Deanries bee employed, and then all to be left to their discretions.

6 In all payments due to his Maiesty, my Lords Subcollector shall attend the first and the last day wherein such payments are due; and my Lord doth further adde out of his respects to the Clergy the thirtieth day after, and on these three dayes my Lords Subcollector shall daily attend at the Palace in *Glocester*, and the monies shall bee received on no other dayes; for it is vnreasonable that the Subcol-

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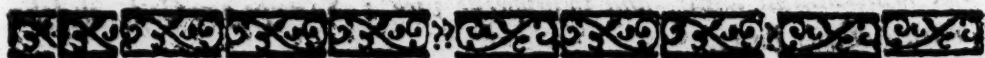
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ly, according to the Constitutions: or how often hath he beene negligent in that behalfe:

6 Item, Whether doth your Parson, Vicar, Curate or Lecturer in the prayer vſed immediately beſore his Sermon vſe to pray for the Kings Maieſty, King Charles, Queene Mary, Prince Charles, and the Royall Progeny, giuing vnto him ſuch ſtile and title of ſupreme Gouernour in all cauſes, and ouer all perſons, as well Eccleſiaſticall as Temporall, as by Law are due vnto him: And doth he alſo in the ſaid Prayer vſe to pray for all Archbiſhops, Biſhops, and other Eccleſiaſticall perſons, and obſerue all other things preſcribed in the 55. Canon:

7 Item, Whether is your Miniſter or Curate, a Preacher allowed: If yea, then by whom: If no, whether doth hee procure Sermons to be preached amongſt you once in euery moneth at the leaſt, by ſuch as are lawfully liſenced according to the 46. Canon: And on euery Sunday when there is no Sermon preached in that Church or Chappell, doth your Miniſter or Curate read ſome one of the Homilies preſcribed by authority:

8 Item, Whether doth your Miniſter, being a beneficed man, and not reſident vpon his Benefice, cauſe his Cure to be ſupplied vpon his owne charge by a Curate that is a ſufficient and a liſenced Preacher:

9 Item, Whether hath any Perſon beene admitted to preach within your Church or Chappell, but ſuch as you haue well known to bee ſufficiently liſenced: And whether haue you cauſed euery ſtrange Preacher liſenced, or not liſenced, to ſubſcribe his name, together with the day, when he preached: Preſent their names, and thoſe that haue beene faulty herein.

10 Item, Whether hath your Miniſter, or Curate, deferred or wilfully reſuſed to baptiſe any Infant in his Pariſh being in danger, hauing beene duely informed of the weakneſſe thereof: And whether the Childe hath died in his default without Baptiſme:

11 Item, Whether doth your Miniſter or Curate vſe to ſigne the childzen with the ſigne of the croſſe, when and at what time he doth baptiſe them, according to the Booke of common Prayer, and the 30. Canon:

12 Item, Whether doth your Miniſter or Curate, euery Sunday, and Holiday, beſore Evening Prayer for halfe an houre or more,

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more examine and instruct the youth and ignorant persons of his Parish in the ten Commandements, the Articles of Beliefe, and the Lords Prayer, as also in the Catechisme last set forth in the Booke of common Prayer, according to the 59. Canon :

13 Item, Whether doth your Minister or Curate, administer the holy Communion, so often and at such times, as that every Parishioner may receive the same at least thrice in every yeere, whereof once at Easter, as by the Booke of common Prayer is appointed :

14 Item, Whether doth your Minister or Curate, receive the Holy Communion himselfe on every day that he administreth it to others, kneeling at the same, and administreth it to none but such as doe kneele at the receiving thereof, and doth he vse the words of Institution according to the Booke of common Prayers at every time that the Bread and Wine is received, in such manner and forme as by the said Booke and the 21. Canon is directed : And whether is warning given by him before-hand for the Communion, as the 22. Canon requireth :

15 Item, Whether hath your Minister, or Curate, admitted to the Communion any notorious offenders, or Schismatickes, contrary to the 26. and 27. Constitutions :

16 Item, Whether hath your Minister or Curate, administered the holy Communion to any of his Parish out of the Church, and in some private house, the party receiving being not hindered by sicknesse or infirmity of body, from coming to Church to receive there :

17 Item, Whether doth your Minister, or Curate, vse, or hath hee refused to visit the sick in your Parish, to pray with them, or to administer the Lords Supper unto them : And hath hee at any time refused or neglected to bury the dead having bene required thereunto :

18 Item, Whether haue you knowne, or haue heard of any that haue bene married in a private house, or that haue bene married in the Church, the Banes having not bene for three severall Sundayes or Holidayes first published in the time of Divine Service in the severall Churches or Chappels of their severall abodes according to the Booke of common Prayer, or in case the Banes haue bene omitted, that haue bene married without a sufficient

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Licence, or that haue bene married without Licence in time prohibited, albeit the Banes were first so published: or that haue at any tyme of the day bene married, except betwene the houres of eight and twelue in the forenoone: Set downe and declare the names of all such as haue bene by reason of any the premises unlawfully married, and the party that married them, and all such as were present at any such marriage, or marriages.

19 Item, Whether hath your Minister, or Curate, married any couple, both parties being of another Diocesse, or hath any couple of your Parish bene married in another Diocesse: if any haue bene so married, or licensed to marry, then by whose authority haue they bene so licensed: You shall present the Minister so marrying, the parties so married, and the authority wherby this was done as farre as you know or haue heard.

20 Item, Whether doth your Minister, or Curate, vse the forme of Thanksgiuing to women after their child-birth: And whether hath he admitted any thereto (that was begotten with child in adultery or fornication) without licence of his Ordinary:

21 Item, Whether doth your Minister, or Curate, vse in the Rogation weeke to perambulate about your parish, and to admonish his Parishioners to accompany him therein:

22 Item, Whether doth your Minister, or Curate, vse the Administration of the Holy Communion, Baptisme, Instruction of children, Solemnization of marriage, Visitation of the sicke, Buriall of the dead, the commination, and churching of women vnder such wordes, rites, and ceremonies as are set forth and prescribed by the Booke of common Prayer, and none other:

23 Item, Whether is your Minister continually resident with you vpon his Benefice, or for how long tyme hath he bene absent, and where is he resident for the most part, and what other Benefice hath he:

24 Item, Whether hath your Minister any other Benefices, and whether doth he supply his absence by a Curate: whether is your Curate licensed to serue by the Lord Bishop of the Diocesse, or his Chancellour, and whether doth hee serue any more Cures than one, and what other Cure doth he serue, and how far are they distant one from the other: And whether hath your Curate any Benefice, or cure of soules besides your Cure:

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25 Item, Whether doth your Minister or Curate, every firmoneths denounce in his Parish all such as stand contumacious, vnder the sentence of excommunication, not seeking to be absolved: And whether hath he said diuine Seruice while any excommunicate person hath beene present in the Church, or hath admitted any person excommunicate into the Church, without a certificate of his absolution from the Ordinary or other competent Judge?

26 Item, Whether doth your Minister, or Curate, vse such decency and comelinelie in his apparell as by the 74. Constitution is imposed him: and is he of sober behaviour, and one that doth not vse such bodily labour as is vnseemely for his calling?

27 Item, Whether is your Minister, or Curate, noted or reputed to be an incontinent person, a frequenter of Hauernes, or Alehouses, a common gamester or player at dice, a common swearer, or a drunkard, or faulty in any other crime punishable by Ecclesiasticall censures, whereby he is offensive or scandalous to his function or Ministry?

28 Item, Whether hath your Minister or Curate receiued any Excommunication, Suspension, or Aggrauation from the Bishop of this Diocesse, or his Chancellour, or other their Deputies against any of his Parishioners which hee hath presumed to make stay of, and not published such Excommunication, Suspension, or Aggrauation the next Sunday or Holiday after the receit of the same in the time of Diuine Seruice, in your Church or Chappell?

29 Item, Whether doth your Minister, Curate, or Lecturer publiely in his Sermon, or at priuate meetings maintaine or affirme any doctrine contrary or repugnant to any of the Articles of Religion set forth and established in the Church of England by authority: Present the name of the party offending against this or any the former Articles, and the time and place when and where the party did so offend.

30 Item, Whether hath your Minister, Curate, or Lecturer, duly obserued the Kings instructions since the time that they haue beene published, and who hath beene faulty therein? You shall not faile to present his or their name or names.

31 Item, Whether hath the Parson, Vicar, or Curate of your parish openly and distinctly read in your parish Church or Chappell

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in the time of Divine Service, the Kings Majesties late declaration concerning sports to be used, as hath beene enjoined and commanded by the Lord Bishop of this Diocese.

32 Item, We shall inquire and present, whether the Act of Parliament made the 21. of King James concerning profane swearing, and cursing, hath been read in the Parish Church by the Minister thereof upon the Sunday after Evening Prayer, twice in the year according to the said Act.

33 Item, Whether doth your Minister at the end of every Psalme, read in your Church throughout the yeere in the time of common Prayers, and likewise at the end of Benedictus, Benedicite, Magnificat and Nunc dimittis, repeat and say, Glory bee to the Father, &c. according to the Rubricke of the booke of common Prayers.

34 Item, Whether at the time of the saying of that part of common Prayers, which is intituled or called the Communion, the Priest or Minister of your Parish doth stand at the North side of the Table, and there say the Lords Prayer, with the Collect following, according to the Rubrick of the Booke of Canon Prayers.



Articles concerning the Church, and the Ornaments thereof.

First, whether is your Church or Chappels, with the Chancell thereof, with your Parsonage or Vicarage house, and all other buildings thereunto belonging, in good reparation, and decently and comely kept both within and without. Are your bells and all things thereunto appertaining, in good reparation. And are the seats of your Church well maintained; if not, then through whose default, and what are the defects.

2 Item, Whether is your Churchyard well and sufficiently repaired, fenced and maintained with wooden rayles or pales, according to the 8th. Canon. If not, then through whose default is any part left unrepaired, and at whose charge is the same to be repaired.

3 Item, Whether have you in the severall Churches or Chappels, the Booke of Constitutions or Canons Ecclesiasticall ready to

to bee read by the Minister, according to his Majesties pleasure published by his Highnesse Authority, vnder the great Seale of England :

4 Item, Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell, the Booke of common Prayer, the Booke of Homilies, and a large Bible of the last edition, a Font-stone, a decent Communion Table, with a seemly carpet, and a cloth of fine linnen to couer the same at the Communion time; and is the Table of consanguinity set vp in your Church :

5 Item, Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell one Parchment Register Booke, provided for Christnings, Marriages, and Burials : And is the same duely and exactly kept according to the Constitutions in that behalfe provided : and haue the Churchwardens euery yeere since the last Trienniall Visitation, transmitted or brought in vnto the Lord Bishop of this Diocesse, or his Chancellour, a true Transcript or cōpy thereof, to bee preserved in the Registry of the said Bishop, as by the 70. Canon is required :

6 Item, Whether haue you a convenient seat for your Minister to read Seruice in, a comely Pulpit, with a decent cloth or cushion, and a couer for the same ; a comely large Surplice, a faire Communion cup of silver, with a couer agreeable for the same, and all other ornaments necessary for the celebration of Diuine Seruices and administration of the Sacraments :

7 Item, Whether haue you a strong chest for the Almes of the Poore, with three lockes and keyes, whereof the Minister is to keepe one key, and the Churchwardens the other ; and another chest for the keeping of the ornaments of the Church and Register Booke :

8 Item, Whether haue you a Terrier of all the glebe lands and portions of Tithes belonging to your Parsonage and Vicarage : Where and in whose custody is it :

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First, Whether hath any Parishioner beene admitted to receiue the holy Communion, or to bee a Godfather or Godmother; or whether haue any beene married who haue not beene first confirmed by the Bishop?

2 Item, Whether the Schoolemaster or Schoolmasters within your Parish be of good and sincere Religion, (that is, of the Religion established in this Realme) life and conuersation, and be diligent in teaching and bringing vp of youth: and whether haue they beene examined and licensed for Schoolmasters by the Lord Bishop of this Diocese, or his Chancellour?

3 Item, Whether the Schoolemaster or Schoolmasters within your Parish doe teach his or their schollers any other Grammar than that which is called the Kings Grammar, set forth by the authority of King Henry the eighth, teaching the prescript forme thereof, whereby the schollers thereof may perfectly vnderstand their Grammar rules and constructions?

4 Item, Haue you any in your Parish who doe refuse to come to heare Diuine Service, or to receiue the Holy Communion in your Parish church? Or haue you any that doe sojourne or lodge any such? You are to present the names both of the one and the other, and of what degree, trade, or state of life they are.

5 Item, Whether are there any in your Parish that doe not frequent diuine Service in their Parish church, or that do wilfully absent themselves from their owne Parish church, without any lawfull excuse, especially on Sundayes and Holydaies: or are there any that being above the age of 16 yeeres, haue not receiued the Holy Communion at Easter last? you shall not fail to present their names.

6 Item, Whether doth the School-master of your Parish teach the children of his Schoole the catechisme by publike authority set forth as the 79. Canon requireth?

7 Item, Doth any Parishioner of your Parish, not hauing an infirmity of body, couer his head in the Church, or Chappell, in the time of diuine Service? or if hee haue an infirmity or extremity of cold, doth he couer his head any other wise than by wearing a nightcap or coise?

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reuerently to kneele vpon his knees, when the generall confession, Letany, and other prayers are read, and to stand vp at the saying of the Beleeefe, according as is prescribed in that behalfe in the Booke of Common Prayer :

9 Item, Doth any Parishioner of your parish, being present at diuine Seruice in your Church or Chappell, wilfully refuse or omit to expresse and doe some humble and lowly reuerence of body, when in the said time of diuine Seruice the Lord Iesus is mentioned or named : You shall not faile to present the names of such as refuse or omit to doe the same.

10 Item, Whether doth any parishioner of your parish abuse the liberty giuen in the Kings Maiesties late Declaration, by vsing or exercising the recreations therein allowed on Sundayes, and Holydayes, vnduly, or vnseasonably, to the hinderance or neglect of diuine Seruice, viz. befoze the end of all diuine Seruices for that day :

11 Item, Whether doth any parishioner of your parish vpon any Sunday vse Beare-bayting, Bull-bayting, Interludes, or Bowling, contrary to the sayd Declaration :

12 Item, Whether haue you any in your parish, men or women, who doe abstaine from coming to Church, or diuine Seruice, and yet assume a liberty to vse the recreations allowed in the sayd Declaration :

13 Item, Whether is there any parishioner of your parish conforming in Religion, who hauing been absent from your parish Church at the Seruice of God for that day, doth notwithstanding goe to the sayd recreations : you shall carefully present the names of such as offend in any of these last foure Articles, and the time and place of the offence so committed.

14 Item, Whether haue you any Feast of the Dedication of your parish Church, commonly called a Wake : on what day of the yeere is it vsually obserued and kept : how long doe you remember that the sayd Wake hath beene vsed or kept : and when was it last kept and obserued :

15 Item, Whether any such in your parish as haue not communicated, haue been admitted to be Godfathers, or Godmothers, contrary to the 29. Canon :

16 Item, Whether doe all Fathers, Mothers, Masters, and
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Mistresses, cause their childezen, seruants, and appzentices, to come to be catechized on the Sundayes and Holydayes before Euening Prayer, to heare the word, and to be instructed and taught in the Principles of religion : and those that doe not their duty herein, you shall present their names.

17 Item, Whether do the parishioners vsually resort vnto their Churches vpon Wednesdayes, Frydayes, and Holiday Eues, to heare diuine seruice and whether doe they keepe such fasting dayes as are appointed by the Church :

18 Item, Whether any of your parishioners, hauing a Preacher to their Parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe without iust cause absent themselves from his Sermons, and wilfully resort to any other place to heare other Preachers, or refuse to receiue the holy Communion at his hands : and whether any other Minister hath receiued to the Communion any of your parish : and specifie the names both of the Minister and parishioner so offending.

19 Item, Whether there bee any of your parishioners that sit and remaine in Tauerne, or Ale houses, or in the streets, or stand gazing in the Church-yard vpon Sundayes and Holidayes, in the time of diuine Seruice or Sermon : or whether there bee any Anne-keeper or Alehouse-keeper, that suffer or admit any to eat, drink, play at dice, cards, or such like game in their houses vpon Sundayes or Holidayes, in the time of diuine Seruice or Sermon :

20 Item, Whether there be any that brawle, rayle, or fight in the Church or Churchyard, or by their laughing, talking, walking, iesting, or any other meanes, hinder the Minister, or disquiet any present at diuine Seruice or Sermon :

21 Item, Whether there bee any who in their speech and outward carriage, doe not esteeme and vse your Minister with all reuerence and respect due to the honour and dignity of his place and calling :

22 Item, Whether there bee any that doe worke, or keepe open shop for sale of wares, or doe labour about cozne, hay, or any such businesse on any Sunday or Holiday :

23 Item, Whether haue you any in your parish to your knowledge, or by common fame and report, which haue committed adultery, fornication, or incest, which haue not beene publickly punished :

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nished: any balows, or receivers of incontinent persons into their houses, or any which do conuey or suffer them to goe away before they giue satisfaction to the congregation in that behalfe:

24 Item, Whether haue you any in your parish which are by common fame and report or vehement suspition, reputed and taken to bee drunkards, blasphemers of Gods holy name, common and vsuall swearers, filthy speakers, raplers, sowers of discord amongst their neighbours, vsurers, fighters, brawlers, or quarrellers, in Church or Churchyard: you shall not faile to present their names.

25 Item, Whether haue any in your parish receiued or harboured any woman with child that was not before an housholder in your parish, or gotten with child out of wedlock, and suffered her to depart againe without punishment first inflicted by the Ordinary: you shall present as well the party harbouring as harboured, and who is suspected to bee the father of the child, and who hath helped to conuey her away.

26 Item, Whether there bee any married women or others within your parish which after childbirth refuse or omit to come to the Church to giue God thanks for their safe deliuary, and to haue the prayers publickly appointed in that behalfe, in the Booke of Common Prayer, and doe they there in the doing thereof kneele downe in some conuenient place, nigh vnto the place where the table standeth, as is prescribed and appointed in the Booke of Common Prayers:

27 Item, Whether haue you any in your parish, who haue been married without banes or licence, or who haue beene married in any priuate house, or out of the Church, or who haue beene married in the Church vnseasonably, and contrary to the Canon, viz. before eight of the clock in the morning, or after twelue in the afternoone: And doe any persons of your parish otherwise lawfully married, neglect or omit to receiue the holy Communion on the day of their said marriage, according to the Rubrick of the Booke of Common Prayers: you shall not faile to present all those who haue beene faulty in any of the premisses.

28 Item, What Widowes haue you within your parish: of what skill are they accounted for that office: and whether are they licensed by their Ordinary to execute the same:

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29 Item, Whether haue you in your Parish any that practise Physick or Surgerie, or what skill are they reputed to haue for their profession? Or whether do they practise without a particular Licence from the Bishop of this Diocesse, or from his Chancelloz in the Bishops absence?

30 Item, Whether doe you know of any that doe teach or keepe Schoole, not hauing a Licence from the Ordinarie, or whether any doe associate or serue a Cure without Licence, contrary to the 48. Canon?

31 Item, Whether haue you a fit parish Clerke, aged 20. yeeres at least, of honest conuersation, and sufficient for reading and writing, and whether hee bee payed his wages without fraud, according to the ancient custome of your Parish: and whether is the said Clerke approued by the Ordinarie?

32 Item, Whether are there in your Parish any Wills not yet proved, or goods of the dead dying intestate left vnaministred by authority of the Ordinarie in that behalfe? And whether any possesse the goods of any person deceased without authoritie from the Ordinarie? You shall not faile to present the Executour, and all other culpable therein.

33 Item, Whether is there any Legacy giuen to the Church, or to other good and godly vles, as releefe of the poore, Orphans, poore Schollers, poore maidens marriages, Schooles, high-ways, and suchlike, which is not yet perfozmed? If there be any such, you shall present what you know, or can learne thereof, and by whose default the same is not perfozmed.

34 Item, Whether haue the former Church-wardens beene carefull and faithfull in the execution of their office; and haue they made a iust account at the end of their yeare, according to the 89. Canon?

35 Item, Whether haue any in your parish dying excommunicate, or wilfully destroying himselfe, beene buried in Christian buriall in your Church or Churchyard, and what were their names so buried, and who were present at such burials?

36 Item, Whether any in your Parish hath or doth refuse to contribute towarde the reparations of the Church, and to the provision of such things as belong thereunto?

37 Item, Whether any within your Parish doe resort into Barnes,

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Barres, fields, woods, or private houses, to any extraordinary exposition of Scriptures, or conferences together, or that be diallers, or perswaders of others to any such schismaticall conuenticle :

38 Item, Whether is there any in your Parish that doe refuse to haue their children baptized, or themselves to receiue the Communion at the hands of your Minister, because he is no Preacher : You shall present their names.

39 Item, Whether any person in your parish be an impugner or depzauer, either in word or writing of the forme of Ecclesiasticall gouernment in this Church of England, or that hath spoken in derogation of the Booke of Common Prayer, or the rites and ceremonies prescribed to be vsed either in the seruice of God, or Administration of the Sacraments, or against any of the Articles agreed vpon, Anno 1562. or against the Kings Supremacie in causes Ecclesiasticall, or against the cath of Supremacie, or Allegiance, as pretending the same to be not lawfull or warrantable by the word of God :

40 Item, Lastly, doe you know of any other matter of Ecclesiasticall cognizance, worthy the presentment in your iudgement, which you hold fit to be reformed by Ecclesiasticall censure : You shall likewise present the same by vertue of your oaths aforesaid,



Articles concerning Ecclesiasticall Officers.

1 Whether doe you know or haue heard, that the Chancelloz, Archdeacon, Officiall, or other inferiour Officers Ecclesiasticall haue at any time winked at, and suffered any faults punishable by Ecclesiasticall censure, and presented vnto them, to passe and remaine unpunished, for money, bribes, friendship, or other partiall respect :

2 Whether doe you know or haue heard that the Chancelloz, Archdeacon, Officiall, or other vnder-officers belonging to them, haue receiued any payment or composition for suppressing any presentment, excommunication, or other Ecclesiasticall censure against any offenders, or for not seruing a Proccesse without a summe of money promised or receiued :

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3 Whether hath the Chancellour, Archdeacon, or their Deputies, or any Register, Apparitor, or under-officer exacted extraordinary or greater fees than heretofore of late have bene accustomed, or are warrantable according to the table of the rate of fees belonging to the Court?

4 Whether doth the Archdeacon or his official or substitute call for presentments, and exact them at any other time or times than in the time of his visitation, or doth the Archdeacon or his substitute under pretence to haue the presentments given in his visitation corrected and amended, draw in other matters, which happen afterwards into his cognizance, to the prejudice of the Lord Bishop and his Chancelloz, and what number of Apparitors hath euery seuerall Ecclesiasticall Judge, and in what manner is the Country grieved and ouer-burthened by the said Apparitors?

5 The Church-wardens presenting at the time of the Lord Bishops visitation, shall bring in and deliuer into the hands of the Lord Bishop his Chancelloz or of his Chancellozs surrogate only, all and euery their bills of Presentment, and the second bills of presentment made euery yeare at the feast of Saint Michael the Arch-Angell, as well in the Lord Bishops trienniall as in the yeeres of the Archdeacons visitation, shall be brought in and deliuered by the Church-wardens, without fee in the same manner, and with the same caution within the space of thirty dayes after the said feast vnder the paine of a contempt: And in the yeeres of the Archdeacons visitation, the second bills of Presentment aforesaid, as well as the first are to be made according to the booke of Articles given in charge at the visitation of the Archdeacon.

6 The Church-wardens and others in making rates towards the reparation of Churches and Chappells, are to charge euery Contributor equally with iust regard to euery mans ability, according to law and the ancient vsage of the seuerall parishes or hamlets: and if any refuse to pay being so rated, they are to present not only the parties so refusing, but also the seuerall tuns where with they are charged.

7 The Church-wardens are once euery yeere within one month after the twenty fifth day of March to transmit or bring into the Lord Bishop or his Chancelloz only a true copie of the Register Books of their seuerall Parishes or hamlets, obseruing such further

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further direction therein as is set downe in the 70. Canon, that they must not be charged with fees of appearance for not doing their duty herein.

8 That the Church and the poore may not be defrauded of their legacies, or Orphans and young children deprived of such Portions as belong unto them, the Church-wardens ought to be very carefull to present such of their Parish or hamlets, who are thought to be the executors or next of kinne to such parties who died in their Parishes or hamlets, with or without a will: and if it be not knowne to the Church-wardens that any such will is proued or letters of Administration taken forth, the Church-wardens are to present such as are faulty for the halfe yeare before the time of his Presentment, or longer if need be, for the more sure doing whereof, and for the helpe of their memory, it is conuenient that they haue recourse to the Church booke of Christnings, Mariages, and Burials.

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